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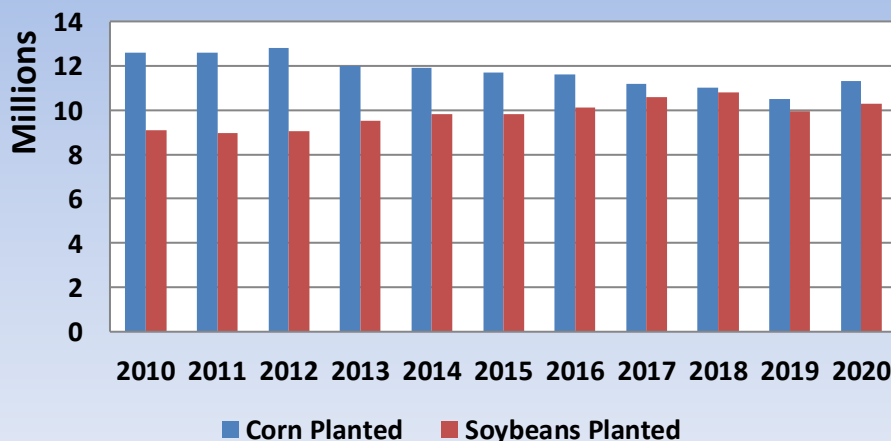
USDA seeks Feedback from Producers about 2021 Crops, Stocks, Inventories, and Values

Springfield, Illinois – During the next several weeks, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will conduct two major mid-year surveys, the June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey. The agency will contact nearly 4,000 producers across Illinois to determine crop acreage and stock levels as of June 1, 2021.

"The June Agricultural Survey and the June Area Survey are two of the most important and well-known surveys NASS conducts," explained Mark Schleusener, Illinois State Statistician. "When growers respond to these surveys, they provide essential information that help determine the expected acreage and supply of major commodities in the United States for the 2021 crop year. The results are used by farmers and ranchers, USDA, businesses, exporters, researchers, economists, policymakers, and others to inform a wide range of decisions."



Illinois Corn and Soybeans Acres Planted



Growers can respond to the June Agricultural Survey online at agcounts.usda.gov, by phone, or mail. They will be asked to provide information on planted and harvested acreage, including acreage for biotech crops

and grain stocks. For the June Area Survey, agency representatives will interview farm and

ranch operators over the phone. Growers will be asked to provide information on crop acreage, grain stocks, livestock inventory, land values, and value of sales.

“NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents, by keeping all individual information confidential and publishing the data in aggregate form only to ensure that no operation or producer can be identified,” said Schleusener. “We recognize that this is a hectic time for farmers, but the information they provide helps U.S. agriculture remain viable and capable. I urge them to respond to these surveys and thank them for their cooperation.”

NASS will analyze the survey information and publish the results in a series of USDA reports, including the annual *Acreage* and quarterly *Grain Stocks* reports to be released June 30, 2021.

These and all NASS reports are available at nass.usda.gov/Publications/. For more information, call the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at (800) 551-1014.

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